

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows, without prejudice or disclaimer to continued examination on the merits:

- 1) (Currently Amended) A nonwoven article comprising from about 6 to about 25 wt. % of low melt binder, from about 25 to about 75 wt. % synthetic ~~and /or natural~~ fiber coated with an FR ~~resin~~ material, and synthetic and/or natural fiber, not coated with FR material wherein any inherent FR fiber in the article is selected from the group consisting of inherent FR polyester, inherent FR rayon and mixtures thereof.
- 2) (Currently Amended) The nonwoven article of claim 1, wherein said FR ~~resin~~ material contains phosphorus, phosphorus compound(s), phosphorus complexes, or combinations thereof; amine compounds, boric acid, bromide, urea-formaldehyde compound(s), phosphate-urea compound(s), ammonium sulphate, or halogen based compounds, or combinations thereof.
- 3) (Original) The nonwoven article of claim 1, wherein said uncoated synthetic fiber is selected from the class of rayon, polyester, nylon, polyolefin, acrylic, and combinations of two or more of these.
- 4) (Currently Amended) The nonwoven article of claim 3, ~~wherein said uncoated synthetic fiber is~~ containing inherent FR rayon.
- 5) (Currently Amended) The nonwoven article of claim 3, ~~wherein said uncoated synthetic fiber is~~ containing inherent FR polyester.

- 6) (Original) The nonwoven article of claim 1, wherein said uncoated natural fiber is selected from the class of flax, kenaf, hemp, cotton, wool, silk, and combinations of two or more of these.
- 7) (Original) The nonwoven article of claim 1, wherein said low melt binder is a bicomponent fiber, a low melt polymer fiber, or a latex resin.
- 8) (Cancelled).
- 9) (Original) The nonwoven article of claim 1, wherein said uncoated synthetic and /or natural fiber comprises from about 20 to about 70 wt. % of said article.
- 10) (Cancelled)
- 11) (Cancelled)
- 12) (Cancelled)
- 13) (Cancelled)
- 14) (Cancelled)
- 15) (Original) The nonwoven article of claim 1, wherein said low melt binder is bicomponent fiber, said FR coated synthetic fiber is rayon, and said uncoated synthetic fiber is PET.
- 16) (Currently Amended) The nonwoven article of claim 15, wherein said bicomponent fiber is 20 wt. % of said article, said FR ~~resin~~ coated rayon fiber is 50 wt. % of said article, and said uncoated PET fiber is 30 wt. % of said article.
- 17) (Currently Amended) The nonwoven article of claim 15, wherein said bicomponent fiber is 15 wt. % of said article, said FR ~~resin~~ coated rayon fiber is 40 wt. % of said article, said uncoated PET fiber is 15 wt. % of said article.
- 18) (Cancelled).

- 19) (Cancelled).
- 20) (Cancelled).
- 21) (Cancelled).
- 22) (Cancelled).
- 23) (Cancelled).
- 24) (Cancelled).
- 25) (Cancelled).
- 26) (Cancelled).
- 27) (Cancelled).
- 28) (Cancelled).
- 29) (Withdrawn) A nonwoven article comprising: a combination low melt binder and FR resin, FR coated synthetic or natural fiber, and other synthetic or natural fiber.
- 30) (Withdrawn) The nonwoven article of claim 29, wherein said FR coated synthetic fiber is rayon, and said other synthetic fiber is modacrylic and polyester.

- 31) (Withdrawn) The nonwoven article of claim 30, wherein said combination low melt binder and FR resin comprises 15 wt. % add-on of said FR coated synthetic or natural fiber, and other synthetic or natural fiber.
- 32) (Withdrawn) The nonwoven article of claim 30, wherein said rayon is 30 wt. % of said article, said modacrylic is 30 wt. % of said article, and said polyester is 30 wt. % of said article.
- 33) (Previously Presented) The nonwoven article of claim 2, wherein said phosphorus is red phosphorous.
- 34) (Previously Presented) The nonwoven article of claim 2, wherein said phosphorous compound(s) are esters of phosphorous.